

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-35 have been rejected. Claims 1, 13, 23, and 24 have been amended. Claims 12, 22, and 35 have been cancelled and their features have been incorporated into their associated independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-7, 9, 12-30, 32, 33, and 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Paroz (U.S. Patent Number 6,587,125). As noted above, claims 12, 22, and 35 have been cancelled, thereby obviating their rejections. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7, 9, 13-21, 23-30, 32, and 33 are allowable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1, 13, and 24 include features that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely, as represented by claim 1:

A method of accessing a first computing device from a second computing device comprising: connecting to a first computing device from a second computing device using a communication protocol, comprising determining if the communication protocol is one of a predetermined plurality of protocols, and if the communication protocol is one of the predetermined plurality of protocols, using the communication protocol in establishing the connection between the first computing device and the second computing device, and if the communication protocol is not one of the predetermined plurality of protocols, using a unified communications protocol in establishing the connection between the first computing device and the second computing device; and

controlling one of the first computing device and the second computing device from the other of the first computing device and the second computing device in a reversible connection. (emphasis added)

The present invention as recited in claim 1 is directed to connecting two computing devices using a communication protocol. If the communication protocol is one of a predetermined plurality of protocols, then that protocol is used in establishing the connection. However, if the communication protocol is not one of a predetermined plurality of protocols, then a unified communications protocol is used in establishing the connection. (see application, as originally filed, at page 14, lines 20-25, page 16, lines 5-7, and page 18, lines 8-12, for example).

Paroz fails to disclose or suggest determining whether a communication protocol is one of a predetermined plurality of protocols, and if so, using the communication protocol to establish a connection between two computing devices, and otherwise, using a unified communications protocol to establish the connection. Paroz describes controlling a first computing device from a second computing device. However, the use of protocols in Paroz is completely different from that of the claimed invention. Paroz teaches various embodiments in which a second computing device 10 is connected to a mediator program 16 via HTTP or other internet protocol, and that the mediator program 16 is then connected to the first computing device 17 via an intranet protocol (column 7, lines 46-60). However, there is no teaching or suggestion in Paroz of determining whether a communication protocol is one of a predetermined plurality of protocols, and if so, using the communication protocol to establish a connection between two computing devices, and otherwise, using a unified communications protocol to establish the connection, as defined by claim 1.

Claims 13 and 24 recite similar features as those set forth above with respect to claim 1. Based on the foregoing, claims 1, 13, and 24, and all claims dependent therefrom, including claims 2-7, 9, 14-21, 23, 25-30, 32, and 33, should not be rejected as being anticipated by Paroz. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-7, 9, 13-21, 23-30, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 11, 31, and 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paroz. It is respectfully submitted that claims 8, 11, 31, and 34 are allowable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

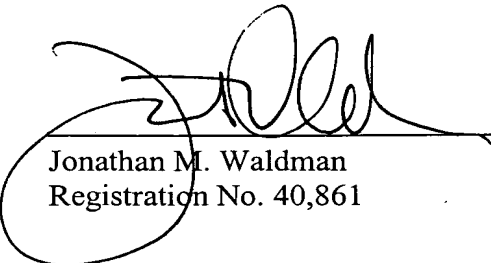
Claims 8 and 11 are dependent from claim 1, and claims 31 and 34 are dependent from claim 24, and are therefore patentable for the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 24. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 8, 11, 31, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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